Catholic Parishes of Millbury
Saint Brigid and Our Lady of the Assumption

First Sunday of Advent

Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come.

Mark 13:33

THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF MILLBURY
SAINT BRIGID AND OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Parish Office

59 Main Street, Millbury, MA 01527
Mon. - Thurs. 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM
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www.stbrigidparish.org

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www.assumptionmillbury.org

Assumption School

17 Grove St.
Millbury, MA 01527
(508)865-5404
WWW.ASSUMPTIONSCHOOLMILLBURY.ORG
Julie Olson
Principal

St. Vincent de Paul Society Outreach

774-262-5506

Mass Times

St. Brigid Church
59 Main Street
Saturday: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 7:00 AM and 11:00 AM

Assumption Church
10 Waters Street
Sunday: 9:00 AM

Weekday Mass Times

Monday & Thursday
9:00AM

Tuesday & Wednesday
7:00AM

All at Assumption Church

Parish Staff

Clergy

Rev. Daniel R. Mulcahy, Jr.
Pastor

Rev. Mr. Ronald B. Buron
Deacon
Facilities
Safe Environment

Administration

Monica Hamilton
Office Administrator

Ronald Marlborough
Buildings and Grounds

Pastoral Associates

Sister Jeanne Richard, S.A.S.V.
Pastoral Care Ministry Emerita

Gregory Bernard
Adolescent & Young Adult Faith Formation
Youth Ministry
Communications

Deborah R. Blicharz
Children's Faith Formation
Community Life and Outreach

Claudette Belair
Music Ministry

Sacraments

Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated each month. To prepare for your child's Baptism, parents will attend a preparational session. For more information, or to make arrangements, please call the parish office.

Penance and Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:00 PM to 3:45 PM
or anytime upon request.

Marriage

Please call the parish office at least one year in advance.

Anointing of the Sick and Communion Calls

Please call the office when a parishioner is confined at home, is in the hospital, or placed in a nursing home or hospice. Holy Communion is brought to shut-ins upon request.

Sat., November 28

4:00 PM **Pauline Parzych**
By: Her Family

Sun., November 29

7:00 AM **Gabrielle Gaboriault, Birthday Remembrance**
By: The Family

9:00 AM **Conner Tronerud**
By: Mary Sprino

11:00 AM **Robert LaCrosse, Sr.**
By: His Family

Mon., November 30

9:00 AM **The People of the Catholic Parishes of Millbury**

Tue., December 1

7:00 AM **The Deceased Members of the Richard Family**
By: Sr. Jeanne

Wed., December 2

7:00 AM **The Kunzinger Family**
By: The Estate

Thu., December 3

9:00 AM **The Arrell and Gillespie Families; Joseph Kosciusko; Lucille St. Martin**
By: Lucienne Gillespie

Sat., December 5

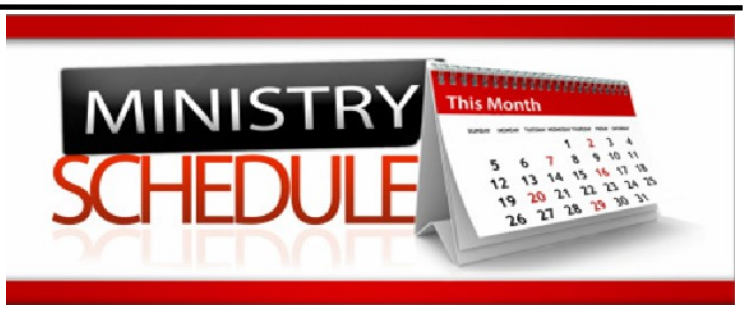
4:00 PM **Louis and Flora Mosher**
By: The Family

Sun., December 6

7:00 AM **Irene Dolegiewicz**
By: The Family

9:00 AM **Conner Francis Tronerud**
By: His Parents Jason and Teresa and his brother Kyle

11:00 AM **The Boutiette Family**
By: Jim and Joanne Geneva



Saturday, Dec. 5, 4:00 PM at St. Brigid

AS: H Prue, T. Yaz
L: J. & J. Geneva
EM: T. & F. Jakubiak

Sunday, Dec. 6, 7:00 AM at St. Brigid

AS: J. Mazeika
L: M. Blunt
EM: T. Mattus, N. Tabor

Sunday, Dec. 6, 9:00 AM at Assumption

AS: J. Giro, M. Hoban
L: M. Gabriau
EM: B. McClear, R. Plamondon

Sunday, Dec 6, 11:00 AM at St. Brigid

AS: M. Horner
L: Z. & R. Curnen
EM: P. & J. Prince

Scripture for the week of November 29, 2020

29	SUN	Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37
30	Mon	Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22
1	Tue	Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24
2	Wed	Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37
3	Thu	Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27
4	Fri	Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31
5	Sat	Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6
6	SUN	Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

The Lord is coming from heaven in splendor to visit his people, and bring them peace and eternal life.

~ Entrance Antiphon, Friday of the First Week of Advent

In Loving Memory

John & Julia Anger
Lee Aubin
Maryann Auger
Jeanne Augustine
Larry F. Army
Gregory Barlay
Albina Bartkus
Edward Bartkus
Arthur G. Boucher
Natalie Bourdeau
Patricia Bourdeau
Sylvio E. Bourdeau
F. Joseph and Mary Brady
Joseph & Rose Cataldo
Frank Cammuso
Philip Chabot, Sr.
Rita Cogliandro
Albert and Helen Collette
Pat and Tiff Correia
Donna "Gain" Cournoyer
Karen A. Courville
Roland O. Couture
Arthur "Archie" Cronin
Gerald & Peggy Croteau
George A. D'Auteuil, Jr.
George A. D'Auteuil, Sr.

Kathleen M. DeCillis
Raymond DeRouin
Armand Desorcy
Diane Dion
Joseph Dunn
Timothy P. Eckland
Jonathan Favreau
Lois M. Fisher
Gabrielle G. Gaboriault
Joe & Jean Gagliardi
William Gain, Jr.
Bernice Gaudere
Reggie Gauthier
Ruth Gonsorcik
John & Irene Guyan
Robert James (Sam) Guyan
Betty A. Hamilton
Derek Hamilton
Patricia Hamilton
Robert J. Hamilton
Matthew Hartline
John Huchowski
Paul J. Jandron
Joanne Juskavitch
Joseph V. Kane
Claire Kobel

Richard Kroll
Michael P. Krumsiek
Robert P. LaCrosse, Sr.
Lillian Langevin
Tan Le
Noe R. LeBeau, Sr.
Edward L. Lemoine
Kevin Lemoine
Rita Lemoine
Mark Lizotte
William and Irene Louis
Leo & Jane Metivier
Kenneth Michalak
Mary B. Mrozinski
Lorraine Mooney
Ann Mulcahy
Daniel R. Mulcahy, Sr.
Evelyn Noonan
Joseph Noonan
Albert Nikosey
Charles F. O'Connor, Jr.
John P. & Bridget O'Malley
Virginia Richnick
Arlene Riedle
Stephen Rodwill
Elaine Roy

Darlene Russell
Dorothy Russell
Marshall Russell
Michael W. Russell
William Russell
Albert & June Russo
Bob & Rita Shea
Gino Silveri
Lucien Sirard
Maureen L. Stacy
C. Richard Stockhaus
Joseph F. Stockwell
James Tabor
Neal R. Thomas
Connor Tronerud
Chester Urban
Robert E. Vaillancourt
Nancy Vaillancourt
Lucille Vecchione
William T. Walsh
Margaret Wendt
Dolores White
Ronald Woodward
Duane & Dolores Wunn
Frank J. Yaz

May They Rest in Peace

Would you like to remember a loved one in our Remembrance section? The cost of enrollment will be a $50 donation for the year. Please contact the office (508) 865-6624 to enroll your loved one(s).

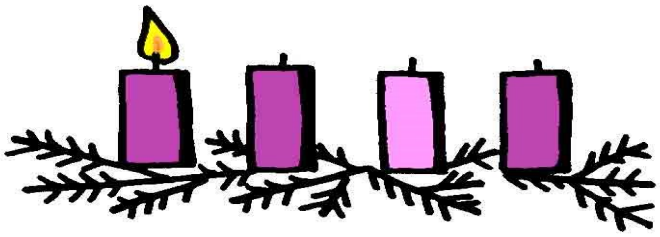
Youth & Family Faith Formation

Faith Formation Grades 2-10 COVID Update

We are pleased to announce the opening of our Faith Formation program for the 2020-21 year. Classes will begin in November as we hope the delayed start provides a little extra "breathing room" for families to acclimate to the new school learning models.

Registration is now CLOSED. Our plan is for an average of two, in-person, 55-75 minute sessions per grade each month. Of course, given COVID, this is a very fluid plan and will be adjusted if and when new guidelines come about. Generally speaking, the schedule will have Grades 2-4 meeting Sunday mornings, Grades 5 & 6 on Monday evenings, and 7-10 on Sunday evenings in separate parish halls.

Peace & God bless you and your families!



Advent Season At Home Faith Formation and Projects

Our Faith Formation Program will be offering, at-home lesson materials, prayer services, seasonal activities, and hands-on projects for our classes throughout our program and for ALL members of our family of faith.

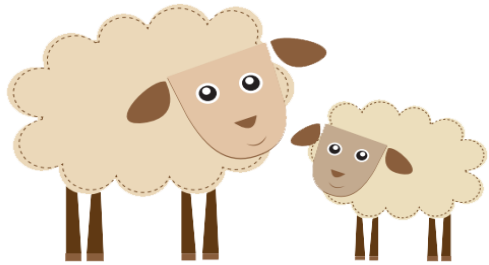
For Thanksgiving and the Season of Advent, packets will include:

- *Teachings about the seasons*
- *Scripture Readings*
- *Prayers and Blessings*
- *A four-week Advent Wreath Lighting Service*
- *"Thanksgiving Tree or Cross of Thanks" Activity which you may share for display in our Churches the weekend before Thanksgiving or at our Thanksgiving Eve Service*

If you wish to participate, simply request materials by calling the Parish Office at 508-865-6624 or email Deborah at deborah.blicharz@stbrigidparish.org.

Faith Formation Upcoming Class Schedule

Grade 2	December 6 (Remote) 10:00 - 10:55 AM
Grades 3 & 4	December 13 (In-Person) 10:00 - 10:55 AM
Grades 5 & 6	December 6 (Remote) 6:30 - 7:30 PM
Grades 7 & 8	December 6 (In-Person) 7:00 - 8:15 PM
Grade 9 & 10	December 13 (In-Person) 7:00 - 8:00 PM



Little Lambs

We would like to offer our Little Lambs Children's Liturgy program at the 9:00 AM Sunday Mass beginning the first Sunday of Advent, which this year is November 29th.

To do this, and fulfill COVID-19 safety standards, we need to carefully manage the number of children participating in the program. This means that parents must complete a registration form for their child/children.

If you would like to register for the Little Lambs program, please email Deborah Blicharz at Deborah.blicharz@stbrigidparish.org or via phone at 508-865-6624 x1005 to request a form. Forms are also available at the parish office Monday - Thursday, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

Ministries

Stairway to Heaven

Thank you to all who shared images of your loved ones on our Stairway to Heaven displays during the month of November. Since the displays will be taken down after this weekend, we ask that you take your photos home after Masses this weekend. Any photos not taken home this weekend will be placed in baskets at both churches for you to claim at another time. Thank you!

If you are not attending Mass due to COVID or for other health reasons and would like your photo returned for you, please contact Cathy Piorkowski by phone at 860-794-5586.

Care for Creation Corner

The Book of Genesis tells us about God's creative acts and tells us that when God looked at all of creation, God proclaimed "that it was good - very good." In Genesis we also learned of God's expectation for us to cultivate, care for, and protect the earth, one another, and all of God's creatures!

Our communities of faith - through prayer and opportunities to reflect upon, enjoy or act on behalf of the Earth - will celebrate the Season of Creation.

What You Can Do!

Paper makes up one third of the solid waste in the United States. Use a phone or laptop the next time you need to make a "To Do" list. Paperless is even better than recycling paper!

More information to come in future bulletins and on our website. If you have questions or would like more info, please contact Deborah Blicharz at Deborah.Blicharz@stbrigidparish.org or 508-865-6624 Ext 1005.

Our annual Giving Tree Program begins November 28 and 29, 2020. We expect, due to the impact of the Coronavirus pandemic, that requests for support from our Giving Tree will be greater than in past years.

This year we will support the following programs:

Urban Missionaries (both Gift Tags and Virtual Program)
Saint Vincent de Paul (Gift Tags)
Bethany House (Gift Tags – $25 minimum Gift Cards)
Pernet Family Services (Gift Tags – $25 min. Gift Cards)
Why Me? Sherry's House (Gift Tags – $25 min. Gift Cards)

Our goal is to be able to fulfill all requests, in a safe manner. This means we will have to change our customary approach to the Giving Tree.
Due to the risks of close contact around the Giving Tree and the taking and putting back of gift tags, ***for this year,*** gift tags will be available in zip lock bags and will be distributed randomly by staff members before and after Masses THIS weekend, November 28 and 29.

This Week

SATURDAY ~ NOVEMBER 28
No Events

SUNDAY ~ NOVEMBER 29
SLAA @ SBH 7:30 PM

MONDAY ~ NOVEMBER 30
AA @ SBH 7:00 PM
GA @ OLAH 8:00 PM

TUESDAY ~ DECEMBER 1
OA @ SBH 6:30-8:00 PM

WEDNESDAY ~ DECEMBER 2
Prayer Shawl @ SBH 7:00 PM

THURSDAY ~ DECEMBER 3
Rosary @ CPO 6:00 PM
Girl Scouts @ OLAH 6:00 PM

FRIDAY ~ DECEMBER 4
No Events

SATURDAY ~ DECEMBER 5
No Events

SUNDAY ~ DECEMBER 6
SLAA @ SBH 7:30 PM

KEY TO LOCATIONS

SBC=St. Brigid Church
SBH=St. Brigid Hall
CPO=Catholic Parish Offices
OLAC=Assumption Church
OLAH=Assumption Hall
OLAS=Assumption School

Live Stream Mass Information

We will continue to live stream the 9:00 AM Sunday Mass weekly on Facebook Live until further notice. Visit www.facebook.com/catholicmillbury for the live link or to view later. Tune in to Millbury Public Access TV for rebroadcast of the Saturday 4:00 PM Vigil Mass which can be found at Charter Channel 194 and Verizon Channel 28. You can view the Mass Sundays at 9:00 AM, Mondays at 2:00 PM, Tuesdays at 6:00 PM and Fridays at 2:00 PM.

SENIOR CENTER NEWS

Millbury Senior Center Picture Board
& Decorate a Gingerbread Cookie to Go!!
November 30th – Christmas Day!
This is held outside in the garden. All are welcome to take pictures. Decorate a Gingerbread Cookie! Available for pick up only. $3 for a kit of two cookies.
Supplies Limited so call ahead 508-865-9154

Blood Pressure Clinic
Every Tuesday from 9:00 - 10:00 AM
Clinic is held outside in front of the Millbury Senior Center under the awning. Masks are required, along with social distancing!

"Grab & Go Meals"
Lunch meals will be available to be picked up daily at the front door, 11:30 AM. The menu is available on the town website www.townofmillbury.org, or our Millbury Senior Center Facebook page.
A 48 hour reservation is required.
For more information or reservations call us at 508-865-9154.

EXERCISE IN THE GARDEN
The center is closed at this time, but all are welcome to continue light exercise in the garden on Mondays and Fridays 9:30 – 10:15 AM.
Weather permitting & social distancing is a must!

In the charity of your prayers, please remember the soul of

Patricia A. MacWright

who has gone home to God. May she rest in Christ's eternal light and peace.

PRAY THE ROSARY

Every Thursday evening at 6:00 PM at the parish offices.
Led by Deacon Ron

FINANCIALS

Catholic Parishes of Millbury
Income
November 14 & 15, 2020

Regular Weekly Collection	**$2,945.00**
Ordinary Collection Monthly	NA
Online Giving (*Available month end)*	$1,875.00
Total Regular Weekly Collection	**$4,820.00**
Other Parish Income:	
Debt *(incl. online when appl.)*	$344.00
Specialty Ministries *(incl. online when appl.)*	$442.00
Utilities *(incl. online when applicable)*	$354.00
Mass Stipends	$20.00
Grand Annual	$845.00
Candles	$33.00
OLA Reimbursement	$3,591.91
Immaculate Conception	$165.00
Faith Formation Registration	$425.00
Cemetery Baskets	$140.00
Hall Rental	$50.00
Donation	$60.00
Christmas	$35.00
Total Other Income	**$6,504.91**
Total Income	**$11,324.91**

Catholic Parishes of Millbury
Cash Flow
November 16, 2020

Payroll	$2,833.76
PayChex, Inc. *(Payroll Processing Fees)*	$74.20
Payroll Taxes	$989.24
KMB IT (*Office Computers*)	$274.95
Laurence Candle *(Altar)*	$194.50
Aquarion *(Rectory)*	$916.15
UMM Hauling *(Trash)*	$117.80
OCP Publications *(Music)*	$240.94
Troop 110 *(Rental Refund)*	$591.00
Verizon *(Rectory)*	$232.30
WB Mason *(Office)*	$77.39
St. Brigid Parish *(OLA Reimbursement)*	$3,591.91
Worcester Elevator *(OLA Elevette)*	$825.00
Total monies paid	**$10,959.14**

Remember in Prayer this Week Those who serve in our Military:

Marc Winchester **Emily Weagle**
Patrick Weeks **Denzel Parker**
Andrew Hafferty

Forms are available at each parish to add names to the Prayer List or call the rectory at 508-865-6624 with your request.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Diocese of Worcester
Catholic Parishes of Millbury
Phone: 774-262-5506

MONTHLY MEETINGS
Third Sunday - 10:00 AM
The Offices of the
Catholic Parishes of Millbury
New Members Welcome!

PARISH FOOD COLLECTION
Monthly: First Weekend
Food Bins are located in the Main Entrance of the Church
All food donations must be dropped off on food drive dates and placed in the large blue bins only, no exceptions. NO Perishables, NO Cleanouts.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION
Monthly: First Weekend - 12:15 PM
St. Brigid Church Hall

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS LIST
THE PANTRY IS IN NEED OF:
Oatmeal, Pancake Mix, Pancake Syrup,
Paper Goods, Snacks

Please No Perishable, Expired Dates, or Pet Food.

Assumption School
Millbury, MA
A legacy of learning...a history with heart

Assumption School
17 Grove Street, Millbury, MA

Peace Poster Contest

Assumption School's middle school students took part in the Annual Lion's Club Peace Poster Contest. The theme for this year, "Peace Through Service", is an important reminder to the world that, through service, we can give and receive so much joy, kindness, hope, and PEACE!

Winners were:
First Place: Mikay Baptiste
Second Place: Jane Belsito
Third Place: Emma Schillinger

Congratulations on a job well done!

Ye Olde Assumption School Christmas Shoppe

You are invited to visit our Christmas Shoppe where you can do your Christmas shopping in a safe and efficient fashion AND support the strong academic, social and spiritual education that defines Assumption School.

Welcome to amazonsmile
You shop. Amazon gives.

Just by **CHRISTMAS** shopping (or any shopping), you can help **Assumption School**

1. Sign into your Amazon account via www.smile.amazon.com
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Assumption School, Millbury, MA

3. Now when you shop at smile.amazon.com
Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchase price to Assumption School

Save with Amazon's Great prices & Assumption Benefits!
Tell your family and friends!

If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a priest, religious, or lay person working for the Church, and you need a place to talk about your feelings of betrayal or hurt by the Church, call Judith Audette at the Office for Healing and Prevention, (508) 929-4363. A 24-hour-a-day confidential voicemail is available.

COVID-19

ENTER/EXIT: Use the front doors only at both churches for entry and exit. Only in an emergency, should the nearest safe exit be used. Please go directly to and from your vehicles before and after Mass.

ACCESSIBILITY Anyone needing the accessible elevette at Assumption Church will still be able to do so via the rear hall door.

COVER UP: Masks must be worn at all times in the church except when it is time to receive Holy Communion.

SEATING: Every other pew has been taped-off closed for social distancing. In each open pew we have marked off, with stickers or tape, six feet of spacing as a point of reference. Families/Households sitting together do not need to safe distance.

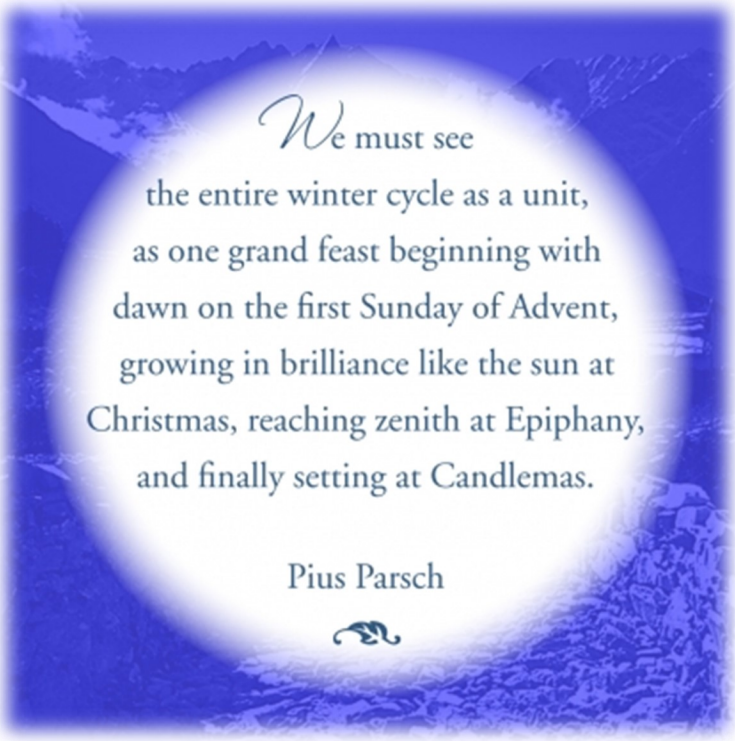
WALK THIS WAY: All aisles are marked with arrows on the floor to allow for safe flow of traffic during Communion.

COMMUNION: Only the Body of Christ will be offered for the foreseeable future. Please practice six feet of social distancing at all times during communion.

SIGN OF PEACE: Please use a non-contact sign of peace with a friendly wave to those around you.

PROCESSIONS: The priest, deacon and ministers will not process via the center aisle before or after Mass.

SANITIZE: While we will have some hand sanitizer pump bottles accessible in both churches, we encourage all to bring their own personal size supply to Mass if possible.

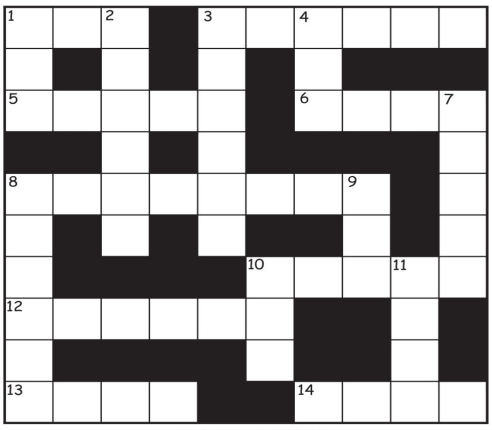

We must see
the entire winter cycle as a unit,
as one grand feast beginning with
dawn on the first Sunday of Advent,
growing in brilliance like the sun at
Christmas, reaching zenith at Epiphany,
and finally setting at Candlemas.
Pius Parsch

CROSSWORD

(Most answers are in today's readings)

CLUES ACROSS

1. Used for hearing 3. Not awake 5. To go inside 6. A particular moment 8. People who serve others 10. All, each one 12. Male parent 13. An insufficiency; a _____ of something 14. Just before nightfall



CLUES DOWN

1. Used for seeing 2. To come back or give back 3. In another country 4. Allow 7. Not late 8. Having sinned 9. Have sight 10. Make a mistake 11. Old pieces of cloth, or clothing that is falling apart.

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